



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5216

LCO No. 1020

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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING UTILITY TERMINATION FOR HOUSEHOLDS
WITH A MEMBER LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS OLD.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 16-262c of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

4 (b) (1) From November first to May first, inclusive, no electric or
5 electric distribution company, as defined in section 16-1, no electric
6 supplier and no municipal utility furnishing electricity shall terminate
7 or refuse to reinstate residential electric service in hardship cases
8 where the customer lacks the financial resources to pay his or her
9 entire account. From November first to May first, inclusive, no gas
10 company and no municipal utility furnishing gas shall terminate or
11 refuse to reinstate residential gas service in hardship cases where the
12 customer uses such gas for heat and lacks the financial resources to
13 pay his or her entire account, except a gas company that, between May
14 second and October thirty-first, terminated gas service to a residential
15 customer who uses gas for heat and who, during the previous period
16 of November first to May first, had gas service maintained because of

17 hardship status, may refuse to reinstate the gas service from November
18 first to May first, inclusive, only if the customer has failed to pay, since
19 the preceding November first, the lesser of: (A) Twenty per cent of the
20 outstanding principal balance owed the gas company as of the date of
21 termination, (B) one hundred dollars, or (C) the minimum payments
22 due under the customer's amortization agreement. Notwithstanding
23 any other provision of the general statutes to the contrary, no electric,
24 electric distribution or gas company, no electric supplier and no
25 municipal utility furnishing electricity or gas shall terminate or refuse
26 to reinstate residential electric or gas service where the customer lacks
27 the financial resources to pay his or her entire account and (i) for
28 which customer or a member of the customer's household the
29 termination or failure to reinstate such service would create a life-
30 threatening situation, or (ii) if a child no more than twenty-four
31 months resides in the customer's household.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	16-262c(b)(1)
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Statement of Purpose:

To extend the prohibition on utility termination to households that include children less than twenty-four months old.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]